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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, set forth in the Official Action dated March 25, 2003 in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the "Group I" invention, namely, claims 1-10, which are directed to a method of preparing microarrays of biological entities on a solid support.

Applicants election of the Group I invention is without prejudice to their right to file one or more continuing application, as provided under 35 U.S.C. §121, on the subject matter of any claims ultimately held to be withdrawn from consideration in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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